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EDITORIAL

IT helps a minister or a church to begin a new year with a definite idea of just what needs to be done in and for the church. The sense of a target gives directness to aim. A clearly outlined purpose gives unity to the various activities of the Society. We therefore print here the brief statement of one minister which records his vision of service. Not every minister is confronted by the same conditions, and we cannot all use the same methods, but it will do us all good to set down in writing just what we want to accomplish and just how we mean to get about shaping our visions of service and progress into realities.

SOME THINGS I HOPE, AS A UNITARIAN MINISTER, TO ACCOMPLISH DURING THE ENSUING YEAR.

By a New Hampshire Minister

My work in the coming year will fall into three main divisions, each of which may be more or less subdivided. My efforts will concern themselves, first, with the common endeavors of our whole fellowship, at home and abroad; second, with the needs and opportunities of our cause in New Hampshire; and, third, with my own local work.

FIRST, as a Unitarian minister I cannot but be deeply alive to the opportunities of our church as a world-wide movement. For my part, I want the earth,—I want it for our interpretation of Christianity. The reason I so desire it is because I am convinced that our interpretation of God, man, life and destiny makes people better and happier. For this reason I shall "talk up" the American Unitarian Association and its work. I shall have no use for captious criticisms. If I cannot be a Moses, I can be an Aaron or a Hur, holding up the hands of our leaders, that they become not wearied in their work. I shall preach on our mission and our missions, and I shall try and increase our offering to the Association. I shall try and interest my people in the foreign field, in the work of the Bramo-Somaj, or the heroic Hungarian churches, or the new work in Italy and Bulgaria, or in Japan, and I shall set them to work to get some money to send to these people. Nothing will help my people more than to set them some definite task of helping someone else.

SECOND, the state work. I shall hold myself ready to help in any way that seems wise and necessary.

There must be places near my city, easily accessible on Sundays, where I can hold services on Sunday evenings or afternoons, or where I can go on a week night. I have tried this before, with excellent results. If we ministers would all wake up and go out into the neighboring towns, we could find many isolated communities where we could establish centers of social and religious culture that would transform the dull, gray lives of the inhabitants.

Third, there is the local work, and this must be my chief concern. My most important local work must be preaching. I must bring fresh, beaten oil to the sanctuary, else the lamp of inspiration will burn out feebly. I shall plan to preach several series of sermons, each sermon vitally connected with the other. Experience has proven, at least in my case, that such sermons have a cumulative power. I shall try to preach inspirational sermons, looking to the deepening of the life of the spirit, and to the ingathering of a harvest bye-and-bye in church membership. The church that neglects to gather the harvest,—to bind the young, especially, in bands of love and loyalty through personal membership, —is on the way to extinction. It is not sufficient to induce people simply to sign their names in a book. Where little is expected, little is given. I shall receive them into membership in the presence of the whole church and by the right hand of fellowship, and I shall make the service as impressive as possible, a true consecration to the things for which our churches stand.

I AM an ardent believer in the "black missionary." I shall rely on printer's ink as a strong ally. It pays to advertise. It is not enough to have a good article. We must convince people of the value of our brand of religion, and then we must induce them to sample and adopt it as their own. Like the commercial traveler, "We can't get trade by sitting in the shade, waiting for our business to grow." I have asked my trustees to appropriate a liberal sum for advertising, and they have gladly consented. Frequent postcard announcements will be mailed every friend of the church. From time to time I shall have cards, bulletins, calendars, and other matter printed and put into the hands of my people for judicious distribution through the city. I shall use the papers discriminatingly for announcements and reports of special sermons. In short, I shall advertise the church, its faith and its work, giving it the widest publicity possible, letting the public know that we are alive, that we have something that is needed in our community, and that we want recruits to help us in our work.

I SHALL use the printed word of the American Unitarian Association freely. A plan, approved by experience, is to have on hand each Sunday enough copies of some particular tract and call public attention to that, inviting all present to carry one home. Scores will stop and take such a tract from the stand or rack when their attention is thus called to it, who would otherwise pass heedlessly by. This is genuine seed-sowing. Many strangers are reached and a vital interest awakened in this way.

I plan to make a great many pastoral calls. This work is vital. It is not easy, but nothing pays better in results. The minister must be the friend, the counsellor, the comforter of all, a sharer in their joys and griefs. To be this he must meet people in their homes and get that per-

sonal touch that can be secured in no other way. Wearing out shoe leather and lubricating door-bells are ministerial functions that are approved by experience and the Grace of God. It will be objected that this gives the minister little time for study. We ministers must study, else the reservoir will run dry. But if we neglect anything, let us cut out some of the outside social functions. The public has a claim on us, but only after our duties to our churches have been fully met. The plain truth is, altogether too many of us are too lazy to make calls, and we salve our consciences by saying we have no time. We *take* the time to do the things we want to do.

I HAVE arranged to meet the members of my Prudential Committee once a month. This I consider very important. As the President meets with his cabinet for the discussion of matters of importance to the nation, so we are to meet to talk over church matters and plan for the enlargement of our work. In line with this, and at the suggestion of a member of the committee, we are to get all the men of the church together informally once a month at some private house and listen to someone talk on some subject of importance in church work. Light refreshments will be served. The stiffness, expense and hard work attendant on a banquet will thus be alleviated, and every desired end be secured. The address will be followed by an informal discussion.

I shall take a strong interest in the Woman's Alliance in my church, but I shall keep my hands off, letting them run their work to suit themselves.

The young people are the future of the church. Their spiritual culture and social instincts must not be neglected. Our young people have organized themselves into a Unity Guild and have begun to work for their church. I plan to keep them at it. They are full of energy and hope. A wise church will utilize this splendid energy.

I HOPE to increase both the size and the interest in our Sunday School. Ours is a school where the Beacon Series cannot be worked to advantage. Every class will study the same topic, graded according to age. At the close of the session I shall briefly sum up the lesson, driving home some golden thought for all to carry away. I hope to bring my Sunday School, not only to know the Bible, but to love and profit by it as a book of inspirational power.

I hope to get close to the boys. To do this I must be with them, gain their confidence, and make them care for me as a friend. I shall have them at my house from time to time. I shall take them into the woods frequently and teach them the names of the common trees, birds and wild flowers, show them how to camp out, teach them woodcraft, tell them stories of adventure, and do with them all those things boys love. These boys I shall have in my Sunday School class. Over and above everything else I shall have one supreme object, to develop and deepen the life of the spirit in all, both young and old. If I can succeed in doing this I need not fear for the future of my church or its work. With people of this type in it, it will be sure to go.

THESE are some of the things I propose, as a Unitarian minister in New Hampshire, to attempt to accomplish during the ensuing year. There are others that might be mentioned, but if I can put these plans through, I apprehend that I shall be kept fairly busy.

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Ministerial Personals

Honored and beloved, Robert Collyer died at his home, in New York, on November 30, aged 90. Impressive memorial meetings have been held in New York, Chicago, Boston and Washington. Rev. H. H. Mott was installed minister at Norton, Mass., on December 15. Rev. F. A. Powell was installed minister at Manchester, N. H., on December 17. Rev. R. E. Birks has resigned at Deerfield, Mass., to accept a call to Montague, Mass., where he takes the place of Rev. H. Whitney, who has accepted a call to Bernardston, Mass. Rev. A. H. Sargent has accepted a call to Eureka, Cal. Rev. R. W. Savage has accepted a call to Charlestown, N. H. Rev. E. S. Treworgy has resigned at Hubbardston, Mass., to accept a call to Stoneham, Mass. Rev. H. G. Arnold has resigned at Bridgewater, Mass., to accept a call to West Roxbury, Mass. Rev. H. McKoon has accepted a call to Castine, Maine. Rev. J. L. Marsh is supplying the pulpit at Bolton, Mass., for the winter. Rev. W. R. Clarke has resigned at Montpelier, Vt., to accept a call to Saco, Me. Rev. H. H. Burch has resigned at Humboldt, Ia., to accept a call to Youngstown, Ohio.

Appointments and Journeys

The appointments of the President of the Association during the last month have been at Exeter, Manchester and Franklin, N. H., and Weston and West Newton, Mass. His Sunday appointments for January are: January 5, Boston, Second Church; January 12, Providence, First Church; January 19, New York, All Souls'; January 26, Brookline, Harvard Church. He will be in Washington, D. C., January 15th to 18th, and will attend the meeting of the National Federation of Religious Liberals at Rochester, N. Y., January 28th to 30th.

The Secretary of the Association is now on his way homeward from a long journey, during the course of which he has visited our churches in the Canadian Northwest and many in the Pacific states. He has held two Ministers' Institutes, one at Spokane, Wash., and the other at Berkeley, Cal.

Missions

The First Unitarian Society of Norfolk, Va., has been duly organized and its officers elected. The society is led by Rev. Julian R. Pennington, recently admitted to our fellowship. Notice has also been received of the organization of a Swedish Unitarian Society in Minneapolis, Minn., under the leadership of Rev. David Holmgren. Rev. Eleanor E. Gordon has resumed charge of the mission at Orlando, Fla., and will oversee the building of the chapel. Rev. J. M. Seaton is holding services at Lynchburg, Va., and has interested a group of people there and another group at Charlotte, N. C. Rev. Thomas Clayton of Fresno, Cal., is reviving the societies formerly existing at Hanford and Visalia, Cal. Rev. F. A. Weil of Bellingham, Wash., is extending his circuit preaching, so that it now includes appointments at Lyndon, Sedro and Blaine, Wash. Rev. F. W. Pratt, Field Secretary of the Canadian

Northwest, expects to be able this winter to organize the groups that he has gathered at Saskatoon, Sask., and Regina, Asiniboia. Mr. Roy Clarke, who has for several years been at the Meadville Theological School, has joined Rev. W. S. Key in the work of the circuit in eastern North Carolina. Rev. E. C. Smith, Secretary of the Western Conference, with the help of Mr. Simons of Cleveland and Mr. MacIlwain of Toledo, is this month to hold a week of missionary meetings to strengthen the work of the society in Dayton, Ohio.

Buildings

The new chapel for the Finnish Unitarian Society in Virginia, Minn., will be dedicated on January 5. The society in Minneapolis, Minn., has now occupied the basement of its new church, and will soon have the use of the entire building. The interior of the church in Saint Cloud, Minn., has been completely redecorated and a new organ installed. Plans have been accepted for the chapel to be built for the use of the society in Vancouver, B. C., and the construction is going forward. The society in Memphis, Tenn., has occupied and refitted the church building recently purchased from the Episcopalians. The minister will soon move into the adjoining parsonage. A plan has been adopted for a simple chapel to be built at Mount Pleasant, Fla., in the Appalachicola circuit. The foundations of the new church in Summit, N. J., have been laid and the building will be completed in the spring.

Billings Lecturers

The appointments for the Billings lectureships this year are unusually interesting ones. The most striking is that of Professor Francis G. Peabody, who sails for Japan in February for a three months' sojourn there as a representative of the American Unitarian Association. Professor Peabody will bear to Japan a message of much value to that country at this time. He will be much in demand as a speaker, not only to the Japanese Unitarians, but also at the various universities and colleges of the country, for his reputation as a scholar and an author will make him eagerly sought for. Rev. William I. Lawrance of the Department of Religious Education will take a long journey in the South and Southwest, starting early in January. Professor Edwin D. Starbuck, also of the Department of Religious Education, and Professor Henry W. Holmes will make shorter journeys in March. Rev. Frank L. Phalen of Fairhaven, Mass., will visit Florida and Georgia. He will also be the representative of the Association at the Southern Conference in Atlanta.

Contributions

The time has come when the churches of our fellowship must give serious consideration to the appeal of their Apportionment Commission and make their plans for raising their share of the money needed for the national work. Some forty of our societies have adopted the wise plan of making their contributions before the end of the calendar year. The gifts thus received are doubly valuable, because they come at a time when the treasury of the Association runs low. It is a pleasure to note substantial gains in the contributions from the Second Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., from Quincy, Ill., Great Falls, Mont., Rochester and Barneveld, N. Y., and Winchester and Fairhaven, Mass. The First Church in Hingham, the Second Church in Salem and the societies in Arlington and Belmont, Mass., Exeter,

N. H., and Meadville, Pa., also make gains in their contributions which are part of a steady growth in the generosity of these churches. Among the contributors this year that failed to give last year we record with satisfaction the gifts from Marblehead and Stoneham, Mass., San Jose, Cal., and Rock Rapids, Iowa. A number of reliable societies like those in Springfield, Braintree, Marlboro, Newburyport, Canton and Lexington, Mass., and Saint Paul, Minn., repeat the gifts of last year. A few societies are thus far recorded as giving less than last year, but these still have opportunity to send a further contribution and make their record one of growing rather than decreasing helpfulness to our common cause.

Department of Religious Education

An interesting development of the work of this department is in its active co-operation with the Universalist Sunday School Association of Massachusetts. The proposal for this co-operation, it is to be noted, came from the Universalist body, which voted to authorize its Secretary, Rev. Frank L. Masseck, and its State Supervisor, Mrs. Caroline C. Barney, to work with the representatives of this department. At the last meeting of the Advisory Board, Secretary Lawrance and Associate Secretary Miss Buck were duly authorized to proceed in such co-operative effort. These four have held several sessions in which the most fraternal harmony has prevailed and out of which has been developed a proposed standard for estimating the work of Sunday schools in both denominations. This "standard" will soon be published in *The Universalist Leader* and in *The Christian Register*, and, later, sent to all Universalist Sunday schools in Massachusetts and all Unitarian Sunday schools in the United States and Canada. It is hoped, through the suggestions carried by this circular, to stimulate the schools of both bodies to better service and more complete organization. Wholly aside, however, from any practical results which may follow, the fact that these allied denominations are working harmoniously together toward a common end is a matter of peculiar gratification. Those who have been engaged in this work propose to carry it still further and develop other appliances which may be used in common by the schools of the two denominations.

Beacon Scholarships

The Unitarian Sunday School Society, before it transferred its executive functions to the American Unitarian Association, had assumed responsibility for the promotion of education in Professor Maitra's Brahmo Somaj School in Calcutta. The plan by which it is proposed that this work be furthered is set forth in *The Beacon* for December 15th, where it is stated that $25.00 pays for a scholarship for one year in the City College; $12.00 gives a year's training in the Boys' School; and $8.00 pays the tuition of a girl for a year. In the same paper an appeal is made to the young people of our schools to contribute toward this worthy end. Already, one scholarship for $25.00 is in hand, and another is partly raised. One school has voted to use its regular collection for the first Sunday in each month for the support of a scholar. Two children of six and eleven years have chosen to give their Christmas money to this purpose. As the matter becomes more widely known, doubtless others will take pattern and interest themselves in these children of a far-off land. Wholly aside from any benefit that

may accrue to the people of India from such action, the young people of our own schools will be greatly benefited by attempting, in this way, to do something for others far removed from their own circle and from whom they have no expectation of receiving favors in return. If our body is to be animated by a spirit of human sympathy that extends beyond parochial bounds, the wisdom of developing such sympathy by active efforts among our own children seems to be evident.

The Normal Course

The Normal Course in Religious Education which has just been completed at Channing Hall, Boston, has been in every way as successful as its promoters hoped. For ten weeks, on succeeding Saturdays, three sessions have been held under the joint auspices of the Tuckerman School and the Department of Religious Education. Dr. Starbuck, in the first period, has presented "The Child Mind and Child Religion," in simple, untechnical language, which none the less has gone into the problem profoundly, setting forth the stages of child development, together with the proper treatment of each stage. Mr. Lawrance has read from the Epistles of Paul, attempting to set forth the situation in which the early church found itself and to develop the personality, as well as the spiritual philosophy, of the Apostle to the Gentiles. In the third period, a series of conferences on the organization of the Sunday school and its right direction toward spiritual development have been held, the contributions from experience brought by those in attendance proving of highest value. The attendance upon these sessions has ranged from sixty to more than one hundred, and the interest shown has been marked.

Public Lectures in the Tuckerman School

One result of the success of the Saturday Normal Class has been a strong demand for further lectures by Dr. Starbuck on his chosen subject, "The Psychology of Religion." It has therefore been arranged that he will give a series of nine lectures on successive Saturdays, beginning with January 11. His lecture titles will be, "What Is Religion?" "How Religion Grows," "Self-Regard and Its Place in Religion," "The Three-fold Meaning of Love," "Fear, Its Use and Elimination in Religion," "Play, Art, Morality and Religion," "Religion and Whole-Mindedness." These lectures will begin promptly at eleven o'clock, and are freely open to all interested.

In the same connection it should be noted that at half past ten on Fridays of each week, beginning with January 10, Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany will give a course of lectures on "The Oriental Christ in the Western World." There will be three lectures under the sub-title, "The Psychology of Oriental Life as Revealed in the Bible," and five under the sub-title, "The Social Side of Oriental Life as Revealed in the Bible." Mr. Rihbany, a native of Syria, and a profound student of Oriental life, successor to James Freeman Clarke and Charles Gordon Ames in the pastorate of the Church of the Disciples, Boston, is so eminently fitted to discuss these questions that this announcement, like the preceding, should suffice to fill Channing Hall with eager listeners.

Mr. Lawrance's Itinerary

The Secretary of the Department of Religious Education will visit the churches of the Southern Atlantic Coast and the

Southwest during the months of January, February and March. His itinerary, so far as arranged, is as follows: Jan. 10, New York Sunday School Union, joint sessions with Miss Buck; Jan. 12, Wilmington, Del.; the following week in Washington and Norfolk, Va.; Jan. 20 to 23, Shelton Neck; Jan. 24 to 26, Charleston, S. C.; Jan. 27, Jacksonville, Fla.; Jan. 29, Orlando, Fla.; Feb. 1-4, Atlanta, Ga.; Feb. 5, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Feb. 7, Memphis, Tenn.; Feb. 8 to 10, New Orleans, La.; Feb. 12, 13, San Antonio, Tex.; Feb. 15 to 17, Dallas, Tex.; Feb. 21 to 23, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Feb. 24, Lawrence, Kan.; Feb. 26, Kansas City, Mo.; March 1 to 3, Urbana, Ill.; March 4, Bloomington, Ill.; March 6, Dayton, O.; March 9, Cleveland, O. At Cleveland he will meet the other members of the executive staff, Rev. Florence Buck and Dr. Starbuck, both of whom will also have made similar, though shorter, tours among our churches. They will there be joined by Prof. Holmes, of Harvard, who will at that time be on a Billings Lecture tour in the interest of Religious Education, and all will attend the meetings of the Religious Education Association which will be in session in Cleveland.

Department of Social and Public Service

On December 4th and 5th a notable Social Service Institute was held in Channing Hall, Boston, and at the First Parish Church in Cambridge. As the first thing of the kind, it was in the nature of an experiment. Occasionally there have been addresses on social subjects at the meetings of the familiar local conferences, but the attempt to combine a discussion of denominational, theological and social topics has never been conspicuously successful. In view of the rising interest of the churches in social questions and the deepening conviction among them that vital religion must find expression in service, it seemed that the time had come for a conference devoted entirely to the social relations and work of the churches, and it proved a great success.

As the sessions were to be held in Boston and Cambridge and the attendance would come largely from the metropolitan district, the program was arranged especially with reference to the social opportunities of city and suburban churches. Care was taken to make each session complete in itself, so if any one found himself able to attend but one he would hear a series of addresses which followed each other in logical sequence and rounded out some one phase of the general subject. The conference began Wednesday afternoon with some words of welcome by President S. A. Eliot. Prof. Peabody followed with an address on "The Expansion of Religion," in which he showed how religion is seeking in new and, to this generation, unaccustomed ways to give expression to its ideals and purposes. Mrs. Anna Garlin Spencer came next with a ringing speech on "The Social Function of the Churches" in this new day, and Mr. Frederic Almy, who is the head and front of social endeavor in Buffalo, closed the session with some "Practical Suggestions for Service."

We shall make no effort here to report even the substance of any addresses, for they were all taken down and in due time will be printed in full. One of the most interesting of the four sessions was that at the First Parish Church in Cambridge, where representatives of the Italian, Lithuanian, Polish and Russian peoples

spoke on "Contributions to American life by the peoples of continental Europe." We are constantly talking about what we ought to do for the immigrant, but seldom hear what the immigrant is doing for us. These addresses were really a revelation and emphasized the necessity for getting the other man's point of view. The attendance at all the sessions of the conference was excellent and totaled over six hundred.

As stated, this conference dealt with city and suburban problems and the ways in which the churches can best meet them. Nothing was said about social service in the country, but ever since the meetings requests have been coming for a similar conference devoted to rural problems and the part which the churches can play in their solution. The Department will undoubtedly arrange such a conference in the near future. It is essential that it should deal with live questions. All who are interested are invited to send to Mr. Forbes, at 25 Beacon Street, Boston, the subjects which they would like to have discussed and any other suggestions for such a series of meetings as may occur to them.

The Secretary has visited several churches this fall which are holding Sunday noon meetings for the consideration of matters of public interest. In New London, Conn., many people from other churches, both Protestants and Catholics, joined with the congregation of All Souls to discuss the housing question. At Wollaston the general subject for a month or more was the city government in its different aspects, and then certain developments in the city which call for watchfulness on the part of citizens. The Secretary talked about the "Menace of the Three-Decker." This type of construction is just coming into this part of the city, and the audience, which was nearly all men, was still discussing it when the speaker hurried away to catch the 1:20 train for Boston. In the North Church at Salem a group of people interested in social questions gather after the morning service to listen to an address. Here the Secretary talked on social obligations. He has also addressed the young people's society of the First Universalist Church at Roxbury, the men's club at Fitchburg, and the Alliances of Hyde Park and New Bedford.

Department of Foreign Relations

The noteworthy happening in the international work of the Association was the first meeting on Dec. 19 of the Commission recently appointed by the President to consider the opportunities and obligations of our religious fellowship in foreign lands, and to report to the Board and to our churches its conclusions and counsels. Ten members of the Commission were present at the meeting, and for three hours they discussed with entire unanimity the greatness of our Unitarian opportunity for testimony and service in other countries, and the urgent duty and responsibility which it entails upon us. The Commission consists of S. A. Eliot and Charles W. Wendte, ex-officio, John D. Long, Mrs. Prescott Keyes, Edwin D. Mead, Milton Reed, Mrs. Charles G. Ames, Thomas Van Ness, Samuel M. Crothers, William I. Lawrance, A. M. Rihbany, Henry Goodwin Smith, J. T. Sunderland.

Many valuable suggestions were offered. One of the most practical was that lecturers of ability be sent to countries like Japan, China and India,

to represent our religious, ethical and humanitarian beliefs, to bring us into closer relations with the thinking and progressive elements in those countries, and to promote the sympathetic exchange of ideas and sentiments, as well as to render such brotherly services as occasion offers.

Announcement was given that a beginning had been made in this international exchange of opinion and good will by the appointment of Rev. Francis G. Peabody, D. D., of Cambridge, who will visit Japan in the early spring as a Billings lecturer. Dr. MacCauley of Tokio is in charge of his appointments at various universities and other bodies in that country.

That men and women so prominent in our fellowship and conversant with the foreign field should express so strong and harmonious an opinion as to its growing importance and value was a highly encouraging testimony to the increase of sentiment among us in favor of a rational and altruistic service in other countries as well as our own. Dr. Sunderland, who was present, spoke with especial earnestness and power. His recent articles in the *Christian Register* are being printed in pamphlet form and will soon be ready for distribution.

An interesting feature of our foreign work has been the opening of a subscription for the relief of the Macedonian widows and orphans, who to the number of thousands have been driven from their burned and ruined villages and farm houses by the retreating Turks, and have taken refuge in Bulgarian towns across the border. Rev. Antony N. Toplisky, our Unitarian representative at Doubnitza, is in charge of hundreds of such innocent victims of the Balkan war and pleads for help, as the Bulgarian communities are unable to support them in addition to their own burdens. This cause ought to appeal to the sympathy and good will of our churches and Sunday schools, as well as individual givers. Sums large or small may be sent to Rev. C. W. Wendte, 25 Beacon Street, who will forward the money and make suitable acknowledgment. When they remember what enormous sums are expended by our orthodox brethren for schools, colleges, medical missions, asylums, hospitals and other forms of Christian benevolence in foreign lands, Unitarians ought to welcome an opportunity like this which enables them to make a humanitarian contribution in accord with their more modest ability and in the spirit of international brotherhood.

About sixty persons have thus far enrolled themselves as members of the foreign excursions in connection with the Paris Congress, advertised elsewhere in this number of WORD AND WORK. Among them are a number of our best known ministers and laymen. As two years ago, at this season, only ten persons were entered for the journey, the enrollment seems to presage an unusually large as well as delightful company of spiritual pilgrims next summer.

This department has arranged with the publishers, Kalman Brothers of Budapest, for an edition of the remarkable and beautiful engraving, "Francis David, the first Unitarian bishop of Hungary, pleading successfully before the imperial diet at Torda in 1561 for universal religion, tolerance and freedom," with an *English* inscription. The price also has been reduced from $9 to $6, duty paid and post-paid to any address. It is hoped that many of our churches and laity will avail themselves of this opportunity to secure a worthy memorial of

the first proclamation of religious tolerance in Christian history. Address the Publication Department of the Association at 25 Beacon street. Rev. William C. Gannett has prepared a circular descriptive of this event and the picture commemorating it, which will soon be ready for distribution.

Department of Comity and Fellowship

The Secretary of this Department has been very busy in arranging for the religious congress which the National Federation of Religious Liberals, the American counterpart of the International Congress, is to hold at Rochester, N. Y., during the last week in January (January 28, 29 and 30). He recently attended a meeting of local clergymen in Rochester at which the program was adopted and the arrangements were made. This committee has a Presbyterian pastor, Rev. Paul M. Strayer, for its chairman, while our Unitarian minister, Rev. Edwin A. Rumball, is its secretary. The first meeting will be held in the Third Presbyterian church, others in the Universalist church and Jewish synagogue, and the last in the Second Baptist Church. Other Presbyterian, Baptist, Universalist, Unitarian, Methodist, Jewish and Episcopal clergy and laity are members of the local committee. The first topic discussed will be "Religious and Moral Education in the Public Schools." Prof. Edwin D. Starbuck and Mrs. Anna Garlin Spencer will make addresses. Prof. Dr. Rudolf Eucken is expected to speak in English at the Congress. Rabindranath Tagore, the most popular poet and eminent literary man of India, is to speak on the race problem. Other topics are "The Contributions of the Churches of America to Religious and Civil Liberty and Progress," "Social Wrongs and Their Ethical Solution," "International War and Universal Peace," etc. On these topics addresses will be made by Edwin D. Mead of Boston, John Milholland and Frederic C. Howe of New York, Rev. A. W. Vernon and Prof. Daniel Evans, of Boston, Dr. W. C. Gannett, of Rochester, Rev. L. W. Mason of Pittsburgh, Dr. Charles W. Wendte of Boston, who is secretary of the Federation, Dr. I. M. Atwood of St. Lawrence University, and others. The Free Religious Association of America, which had planned a convention at the West this winter, has united with the Federation in this congress. The readers of WORD AND WORK are cordially invited, nay, urged, to attend this series of meetings.

News Notes

Edmonton, Alberta.—At Edmonton, Alberta, the minister of the Unitarian church issues an attractive Calendar upon which he enters items of church news and a list of the subjects he treats from the pulpit. Not only does Mr. Pineo, the minister, conduct the regular services in the morning, but in the evening a list of splendid lectures is given by members of the University of Alberta. Such subjects as "Pioneers of Religious Liberty," "The Church and the Democratic Idea," "Depths of the Soul," "Man's Place in the Cosmic Order," "The History of New Testament Criticism," "Saint Francis of Assisi," "An Hour Among the Stars," "The Atonement," "Authority in Religion," "The Resurrection," etc., are presented.

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Springfield, Mass.—It is gratifying to notice that the Church of the Unity, Springfield, Mass., makes the following announcement: "Annual

collection for the American Unitarian Association is taken on the last Sunday in October. For six consecutive years the contributions have averaged $1000. This record is one of which we may well be proud, and one which every member of the parish should help to maintain. The task of founding liberal churches in remote localities and of disseminating a knowledge of Unitarian thought and ideals is too large for any one church to undertake. It demands the combined effort of all of our churches. For this purpose the American Unitarian Association offers itself as our executive agent."

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Madison, Wis.—From time to time occasions arise when liberal churches of different names can join in mutual fellowship for the spread of liberal ideas and the increase of inspiration for the conduct of our churches. An occasion of this kind was the "Joint Convention of the Unitarian and Universalist Churches," held recently in Madison, Wis. The Convention was entertained by the First Unitarian Society of Madison. One session was devoted to the Wisconsin Universalist Convention, while other exercises gave an opportunity for the presentation of Unitarian interests and the treatment and discussion of many subjects of general interest. At the Ministers' Meeting the subject under discussion was "The Church's Mission," with Rev. C. F. Niles of Menomonie and Rev. A. C. McHenry of Oshkosh. The subject of religious education came before the Sunday School teachers present, while our own secretary of the Western Unitarian Conference, Rev. Ernest C. Smith, spoke upon the subject of "Our Missionary Motive." Richard Lloyd Jones of Madison spoke on "Practical Piety," and the Rev. Walter F. Greenman of Milwaukee on "Symbolism in Present Day Religion."

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Los Angeles, Cal.—A most elaborate prospectus of a three years' course of sermons is published by the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, Cal., Rev. E. Stanton Hodgin, minister. The general subjects which Mr. Hodgin is considering for the present year are as follows: "The Four Great Religious Interrogatories," "Institutional Expressions of Religion," "Sacramental and Mystical Expressions of Religion and Their Rational Equivalents," "Doctrinal Expressions of Religion and Present Day Equivalents," and "The Christ Element in Religion." The second year will be devoted to "Religion in terms of human life as seen by the world's great prophets," and the third year, "Religion expressing itself through ethical incentives in personal character and social service." This unusual forecast of a three years' pulpit service, if realized, will be for those who are so fortunate and devoted as to attend the full courses almost equivalent to a divinity school curriculum.

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Littleton, Mass.—A rather unique service was recently held in this town, consisting of the Lord's Supper, at which the Baptists and Congregationalists joined with the Unitarians in the Unitarian church. This service has become an annual event, each church in turn inviting the others, and the result has been a steady growth of the spirit of good-will and a closer co-operation. It is a recognition of the things held in common and a service of gratitude in that the things held in common are so deep and precious. Such a service also cements the ties of Christian brotherhood.

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With real satisfaction and pleasure the officers of the Alliance send wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the three hundred and ninety-one branches now so closely bound together. Each recurring year finds the Alliance more keenly alive to the value of its work for the church and for the missionary efforts undertaken in its name. Every member seems to be faithful to the ideal plan of the organization and desirous to carry out all practical details and make her branch a factor for good in the community.

Since our last issue an event somewhat unusual occurred in Boston. During Home Mission Week of the Evangelical churches it has been customary for the Council of Women for Home Missions to have a luncheon, with speeches and addresses. This year Universalist and Unitarian women were invited to join them, and many were present, the Alliance being represented by Mrs. Keyes. The addresses showed the need of missionary efforts in various parts of our country and good accounts were given of what is being done. A noticeable suggestion was made by the president of the Council, that all the societies should join for this year in one study, in one line of work.

Our Alliance is much smaller than any one of the other bodies, but would it not be a good New Year's suggestion that every branch should work for one thing this year? Branches have the utmost freedom in study as well as in action, but if all should undertake to join in the missionary work which has been chosen as peculiarly our own, nineteen thousand Alliance women could show a great achievement at the next inter-denominational meeting.

Organization is effective and collective action is fine, but at the same time there should be individual effort and responsibility. Interest should not end in attending an Alliance meeting and voting that the branch should send so many dollars or study such a subject, but each member should know for what purpose money is needed and why prominence is given to one line of thought and investigation at a certain time. All can co-operate, but authority should not be delegated to officers and committees only.

Twenty-three were present at the meeting of the Executive Board on Dec. 13th, 1912. Several changes are to be announced. To the great regret of the board, Mrs. James M. Morton resigned as a director for Massachusetts. Having served for two years only, the branches were just beginning to know the value of the work she was doing and to understand her appreciation of the Alliance.

Miss Lucy Lowell, The Ludlow, Boston, and Mrs. Walter L. Bouvé of Hingham were elected directors for Massachusetts, the state being entitled to additional directors for increased membership.

Mrs. E. L. Osgood was added to the Post Office Mission Committee.

A new branch has been formed at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., with Mrs. F. L. Schofield, 327 Church St., as president, and Miss Ellen M. Fitz as secretary. Monthly meetings on the second Thursday will be held and Programme and Post Office Mission Committees have been chosen. The branch begins with vigor and enthusiasm, being much helped by a visit from Miss Low, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Sargent and Miss Slade. The whole movement, however, originated in the desire of the College Girls' Committee to have occasional preaching for the Unitarian students at Vassar and the subsequent visits of Unitarian ministers holding services on Town Sunday.

The Committee on College Girls reported further efforts to interest Unitarian students at other places, a reception at Wellesley and one at Cambridge, not largely attended, but many expressing pleasure at being invited, and the pleasant conditions at Northampton where the minister and his wife have made warm friends of the Smith College girls.

The Library Committee reported two books purchased this month. The American Unitarian Association has given three of its latest publications and Mrs. Chadwick has given three books by Mr. Chadwick not already in the library. Prof. Starbuck has made a list of books much needed for Sunday-school teachers which will be purchased. The Post Office Mission at King's Chapel has given five dollars to buy books. The lists which have appeared in WORD AND WORK will be reprinted for circulation in a leaflet. It has been decided to adhere to the rule requiring return postage from those who borrow books.

The committee on Southern Missionary Work reported as follows:

Very encouraging and interesting reports come from the Florida circuit, as Mr. McHale finds his congregations increasing at nearly every point. During the month he has been invited to preach in Pensacola, in the Universalist church. Here he found a number of Unitarians, some of them associated with the Universalist church and some who never attend it, but who are interested whenever they can hear a Unitarian preacher. The relation between the two denominations is very cordial, as once before Mr. McHale has been invited to the Universalist Conference at De Funiak. At Rock Bluffs and at Bristol the friends are increasing in spite of opposition.

In North Carolina there is little that is new to report. Mr. Key is taking a rest and vacation from his unceasing work here by going North, where he is in constant demand to speak upon this Southern work at Alliance meetings and Men's Clubs. He is expected back before Christmas to meet his regular appointments and add to the Christmas cheer of his friends wherever he goes. Mr. Cowan is making his usual changes of appointments as cold weather sets in, and he can no longer use his tent or have service in the open air. Now only those places can be visited where a school-house or private house can be used for a place of meeting. Certainly the efforts of our preachers are untiring and can but meet a sure reward!

The International Committee has made progress this winter in co-operating with the Fellowship Section of the British League and in some degree keeping up a correspondence with Australia, New Zealand and Cologne. The need now is that each committee should be informed as to the whereabouts of Unitarians, either visitors or settlers in other countries than their

own, that they may be welcomed and directed to the nearest church. This is most important in cases where the newcomer lands in a place where there is no liberal church. The committee is looking forward to a meeting of the International Union at the Congress to be held in Paris next summer.

Several requests having been received for some form of opening service for an Alliance meeting, that all might use when desired, a committee was appointed, consisting of the present Study Class Committee, with the addition of Mrs. H. A. Macgowan and Mrs. Mary P. Wells-Smith, to prepare such a service and present to the Board. Branches that already have a satisfactory service will please send a copy to the chairman, Mrs. C. U. Gilson, Wellesley Hills, Mass.

The special committee on Junior Alliances presented the following:

The newly appointed committee on Junior Alliances wishes to get in touch with the Branches who have organized a Junior Alliance, or with such Branches as may desire to form one, and wish any information in regard to the same.

This committee would be pleased to have copies of the By-Laws of Junior Alliances now existing sent to the chairman. If there are such organizations without regular by-laws, will they please send a little outline of their method of work? Not only what local activities they may be engaged in, but the method of conducting meetings, time of meeting, age limit at either end if any, relation to Senior Alliance, and what, if any, preparation is made by Senior Alliance to receive graduate Junior members; also if any service is used at meetings.

The chairman, Mrs. H. B. Harding, 431 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., will gladly receive any suggestion along this line of effort.

Reports from the Rocky Mts. section are important and are printed almost entire.

"The Butte (Montana) Women's Alliance of the Unitarian Church sends greeting to the sister societies. Our efforts for the past two years have been given to paying debts, and to raising money enough to warrant employing a minister for the church. This has required much hard work and no little sacrifice on the part of the Alliance. We have to report that in spite of many discouragements, the members are now doing more efficient work than at any time in the past. The number has increased, and the spirit of the members seems to grow more invincible as the responsibilities increase. We have employed the Rev. T. Clinton Brockway of Colorado, who brought his very excellent wife and two children here last August. We began with a small number in attendance at our Sunday meetings, but we hope to see the number increase. Surely in a city like this, with every shade of theological belief, from the Mormon through all shades of mediaeval superstition, there must be a place for our liberal faith, and it must be that it can justify itself to the intelligent people here of whatever religious pattern they may be. We are just working along in the dark, not knowing what the result may be. There are not many men in our church, and no rich people. Our hope is that we may hold up a light in this dark place."

During the past year the Great Falls (Montana) branch Alliance has held bi-weekly meetings in the new church house. About four hundred dollars

was raised during the year, largely by subscription, sales and socials. The greater part of this amount was contributed to the fund necessary for furnishing the church house. Several new names were added to our membership, which numbered thirty at the close of the year. The helpful spirit which prevails in our branch makes the outlook for the ensuing year full of promise for a larger work for the Church and the denomination.

Salt Lake City has held regular services each Sunday since the second week in September. Under the circumstances there has been a fair attendance and interest; the congregation having been much scattered during the period in which there has been no minister. However, the Lloyd Alliance, ever faithful, has kept the church alive and has held regular meetings, looking after the expenses of the church, and making it possible to begin the work this fall.

A Sunday School has been organized and will hold regular sessions. Frequent congregational meetings have been held to effect a settlement with the American Unitarian Association. The debt to the Loan Fund of the Association has been liquidated by the making of a deed in trust of the church property to the Association, which will hereafter hold the property for Unitarian uses in Salt Lake City. We are now ready for an active year's work, and the opportunity is evident. The church now is ready to go forward and establish itself in the community and exert a steady religious influence in the furtherance of liberal ideals.

Greeley, Colorado, reports:

At the present time the Greeley Unitarians are holding services in a large residence facing Lincoln Park, which they own. Partitions are being removed, and it is expected that it will be made into a cosy and comfortable meeting place. Should a sale be found for this property the building of a suitable church will be considered.

Unity Circle has been busy as usual. Social gatherings have been frequent. The monthly suppers are always well attended, and card parties and two picnics have called the people together.

The failure of crops in 1911 placed many Homesteaders in straightened circumstances and in place of holding rummage sales, Unity Circle sent the goods that would have been sold directly to the needy ones in the outlying country. Appeals from other branches have been responded to gladly. The sum of $225.29 has been earned. A fund is being started to help through the Teachers' College, Unitarian girls who would not be able to graduate without this assistance. It has been a pleasure already to lend this aid to one worthy pupil, who will repay the sum lent, without interest, when possible. In the hope of having a church some day to furnish, another fund is slowly accumulating, which now amounts to $500.

At Denver, Colorado, the branch at Unity Church has been active all the year, meeting during the summer months at homes of members, the hostess serving luncheon. This branch contributes to the Southern circuit fund and various charities of the city. On Oct. 16th last a meeting of the Rocky Mts. Associate Alliance was held at Denver, at which much business was transacted and the following resolution passed: "*Resolved,* That we, as a body and as individuals, make every effort to bring into this section well-known Unitarian speakers, in

order to focus all our efforts to meet the one great need of a spiritual awakening."

Colorado Springs writes of meetings held twice each month of more than usual interest. Each member pays five cents for the cup of tea served at each meeting, and thus creates a Flower Fund for the sick. The branch pays $4.50 each Sunday for the music, and the Cheerful Letter Committee has sent away three boxes of books. Articles have been sent to fairs and garments made for charities. The social life is cared for and good topics are chosen for consideration at the meetings.

A communication from Winnipeg, Manitoba, says: "The calendars published by the Alliance in Winnipeg have sold beyond all expectations, and the response from the states has been most gratifying to the promoters, showing to them that the interest in the Canadian movement is not confined to cordial greetings and good wishes, but extends into a more definite part in the work we are trying to do. If any calendar ordered has not been received, or received in bad condition, will the Alliance or individual please notify the Secretary of the Winnipeg branch, and another will be sent. The visit of Mrs. Davis was a great inspiration, not only to the Alliance, but to the church. She gave two fine addresses; one to the Alliance and on Sunday evening aroused an audience of over a hundred with her splendid missionary spirit and outlook."

By accident no reports were received from Southern branches, but most of them are doing well. At San Antonio, Texas, the Alliance meets fortnightly, and is already making use of the minister lately settled. He is to give talks at the Alliance meetings on "American Poets of Larger Vision." A Sunday school has been organized and a Minister's class of older people.

At Atlanta, Georgia, the people are looking forward to a meeting of the Southern Conference in April next, and hoping to gather the largest representation of delegates ever held in the South. The Alliance branch has been unusually active this winter, and the Sunday school under an enthusiastic superintendent is prosperous. A Men's Class has been organized and is to study the history of various religions.

At Dallas, Texas, the Alliance is really making great strides, the study for this winter being Unitarian Hymn Writers. The minister is giving a series of sermons on "The Religion That Will Endure."

New Orleans has several splendid organizations all doing effective work and worthy of a full report.

It has been thought desirable to have an illustrated lecture prepared, showing Unitarian churches, both exterior and interior, and especially the interior of vestries, church parlors and Alliance rooms and if possible with meetings assembled. Such a lecture, with the pictures, would tell a helpful story to branches away from large centres and those who cannot often attend meetings in other places. As nearly every branch has an amateur photographer at hand, it is hoped that a request for such pictures will be answered at an early date. The committee to receive them consists of Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Keezer, Mrs. Keyes and Mrs. Delano, whose addresses are in the Manual.

A picturesque sketch of the great

Jewish festival of Suecoth as seen in London's poorest districts, was reprinted in the *Christian Register* of Nov. 14th, from the *London Christian World,* and is of interest to Alliance Study classes and Sunday-school teachers. It was written by Miss Annetta Bedwell, a young Englishwoman of marked ability as a writer on religious and sociological matters, who has found in it a line for real social service. Miss Bedwell has studied many aspects of East End life in London and has furnished no little enlightenment on some of the problems.

M. F. K.

The Committee on Headquarters desires it noticed that the Alliance room at 25 Beacon St., Boston, will be closed at 1 o'clock on Saturdays. A clerk will be in attendance in the lower Reception room for the convenience of late visitors.

Please address all Alliance communications to the Secretary or to the National Alliance, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held on Jan. 10th, 1913, and reports will be due from Middle States and Canada.

The next meeting of the New England Associate Alliance will be held at the Church of the Disciples, Boston, Thursday, January 23d, 1913. In the morning addresses will be given by Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany, Rev. Charles W. Wendte and Mrs. G. W. Coleman. The afternoon session, beginning after a box luncheon at 2 o'clock, will be addressed by Rev. Lewis G. Wilson and Charles W. Eliot, LL. D.

Mrs. J. T. Speer, 222 Paulison Ave., Passaic, is chairman of the Cheerful Letter Committee of the New Jersey Associate Alliance, and Mrs. Nathaniel Butler, Winsor Place, Glen Ridge, is chairman of the P. O. Mission.

Branches are reminded that it is a duty to pay the traveling expenses of speakers invited to an Alliance meeting. Directors also should receive traveling expenses if from a distance. A ticket sent in advance is much appreciated and would often be a saving, in case of a trip ticket at reduced rates. All this is a legitimate expense for a branch.

Our National Appeals

"If we want to develop everywhere moral power and religious consecration and a spirit of unselfish service, and everywhere a larger view of the mission of the liberal faith in the world, then we must open wide our doors for the entrance of the missionary spirit into all departments of our religious life."

This sentence, taken from a paper by Rev. J. T. Sunderland, on "The World Mission of the Unitarian Faith," soon to be printed as a tract, may well serve as a suggestion and inspiration to our Branches. For a number of years a steady growth of the missionary spirit has been apparent, but we have not begun to realize what we might do if once that spirit took possession of all our Branches.

In 1907 the Manual showed that ninety-six of our Branches gave something to the National Appeals. This year the report shows that one hundred and eighty of our three hundred and ninety-one Branches gave to the National Appeals.

This is an encouraging increase, but may we not hope that this year many more of our Branches will catch the

missionary spirit and join in this good work?

The Appeals this year are numerous and interesting. Twelve are now on the list, and two more are under consideration by the committee. A short description of eleven of these Appeals may be found in the October and November numbers of WORD AND WORK. This month one new Appeal has been added to the list, that of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Rev. Robert S. Loring, who did such successful work at Iowa City, has recently accepted a call to Ann Arbor. Under his leadership, with some encouragement from the American Unitarian Association and a prompt and generous response to this Appeal, the Society will undertake the building of a modest Parish House.

This is one of our University Town churches. The work there has been greatly hampered by the lack of any suitable rooms for meetings of different sorts and social gatherings. A lot for a Parish House is owned by the Society as part of its church property. Our church there makes a pitiful showing by the side of the other denominations, which all have fine houses for that side of their work.

The church can hardly hope, under present conditions, to attract our share of the four thousand students of the University.

Here, in these twelve Appeals, is the opportunity offered to our Branches to prove the truth of the words, "to give is to live, to deny is to die."

ALICE REYNOLDS KEYES,
Chairman of the Committee on Appeals.

Appeals stand thus:

Farmington, Maine, for a Parsonage	$429.00
Montego Bay, Jamaica, for a church	419.00
Memphis, Tenn., for repairs and furnishings	411.00
Ridgewood, N. J., for a Parsonage	317.00
Summit, N. J., for a church	416.00
Winnisquam, N. H., for a church	229.00
Flushing, L. I., furnishings	442.00
Green Harbor, Mass., salary of minister	185.00
Pacific School, for Students	179.00
Meadville School, for Students	158.00
Northumberland, Pa., for minister	56.00
Ann Arbor, Mich., for Parish House	600.00

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The President's Greeting

To the Young People's Religious Unions of the United States and Canada:

Dear Friends and Fellow-Workers:

I take this opportunity, through our department in Word and Work, of wishing you a very Happy New Year.

Your remembrance of the past shows a certain task accomplished, in part, by our organization. With very limited means, we have yet been faithful to a trust that, we feel, belonged to us particularly as young people of the Unitarian Fellowship.

Keenly appreciative of the religious wants of the many students in colleges and universities of the Middle West, we have done something to supply that want through the efficient labors of the student assistant. Yet how much greater has been the task than any effort we have yet made to meet it? So I would have you remember that the happiness I wish you for the New Year is wrapped up in the continued opportunity for service that awaits you. The need is still present that called for our former labors; the opportunity to tell our cheerful and reasonable gospel is even more abundant.

Will you not then cease to await the happiness of the New Year as a gift, and rather look upon it as a reward to be earned by the faithful effort you put forth to further this missionary work of the Young People's Religious Union?

We need you all, and the effectiveness of our endeavor will be either increased or diminished by the interest you manifest and the co-operation you give.

May the spirit with which you enter into the privileges of the New Year assure you a greater joy and satisfaction than any you have hitherto experienced! Under the kindly guidance of Infinite affection may you obtain success!

Fraternally yours,

Dudley Hays Ferrell,
President Y. P. R. U.

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

The fifth regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Young People's Religious Union for 1912-1913 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon street, Boston, Mass., on Tuesday afternoon, December 3, 1912, at half-past two o'clock.

President Ferrell presided and there were present: Mr. Beatley, Miss Burrage, Mr. Lyon, Mr. McMurdie, Miss Simmons and the secretary.

The secretary's minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

The treasurer read his report.

Voted: That the report of the treasurer be accepted.

The treasurer reported having paid one-half of the appropriations to the college town ministers who had made application for the same.

The bills were next presented.

Voted: That the bills be paid.

The secretary read her report for the month of November.

Voted: To accept the report.

Miss Simmons, for the Union-at-

Large, made a verbal report; forty-nine copies of WORD AND WORK have been sent out the past month, $2.10 received from a member in the South, several letters written and two resignations offered.

Voted: To accept this report.

The mattter of a chairman for the next fair was brought up, and

Voted: That the president and secretary confer with Miss Floyd as to a possible chairman and report back to the Board.

Voted: To adjourn.

GRACE R. TORR, *Secretary.*

Boston Federation

The semi-annual meeting of the Boston Federation of Young People's Religious Unions was held at the First Parish Church, Meeting House Hill, Dorchester, Mass., on Sunday, November 24, 1912. The afternoon session, held in the vestry, began at 4:15 with a devotional service led by Rev. George F. Pratt of Christ Church, Dorchester.

After a cordial welcome from Rev. Roger S. Forbes, pastor of the church, the business meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Leon F. Cummings.

The secretary's report of the annual meeting last April was read and accepted, and the report of the Board of Directors for the last six months was given, several changes being noted.

The treasurer's report was also read and accepted, a creditable balance being on hand.

These various committees, the Entertainment, Friendly Service, Hospitality, Membership, Music, Social, Tenth Anniversary, Revision of Constitution, reported most interestingly through their representatives.

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws reported at considerable length; the Constitution and By-Laws as proposed were read and taken up, article by article. The articles temporarily accepted were adopted and go into effect at once.

The roll call showed a total of 136 delegates from sixteen of the seventeen unions enrolled.

The business meeting then adjourned that the members might partake of the hospitality of the Nathaniel Hall Society, a bountiful supper being provided.

The evening program began at half-past seven in the church. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. Roger S. Forbes, two solos were sung and the address of the evening was given under the title, "A God of Religious Education and Social Service," by Dr. Edwin D. Starbuck of the new department of Religious Education of the American Unitarian Association.

Tenth Anniversary

The Boston Federation celebrated its tenth anniversary on Sunday evening, December 15, at half-past seven o'clock, in the First Church, Roxbury.

The program consisted of a devotional service by Rev. Palfrey Perkins of Brighton, a welcome to the church by its pastor, Rev. James De Normandie, D. D.; greeting from Mr. Leon F. Cummings, the president of the Boston Federation; greeting from Rev. Dudley Hays Ferrell, the president of the central organization of Unitarian young people; a history of the Federation by Miss Beatrice Clark of Dorchester, and a forward look by Hon. Sanford Bates of Dorchester. The main address of the evening was

given by Rev. Charles E. Park of the First Church, Boston. Several solos were interspersed throughout.

The Boston Federation is one of the largest and most influential of our young people's gatherings, and has won a place for itself during the past decade that is certainly commendable.

The current number of WORD AND WORK may well be termed a BOSTON FEDERATION number; and while space does not permit our publishing all the addresses that were given at the tenth anniversary of this federation, recently held, we take this opportunity of publishing one that is especially pertinent at this season of the year, "The Forward Look," by Hon. Sanford Bates, a former president of the federation. By special request it is printed in full in another column.

Pilgrim Federation

The annual business meeting of the Pilgrim Federation was held in Unity Church, Brockton, Mass., on Thursday evening, December 5, the meeting being opened with singing and a devotional service led by Mrs. Holmes, president of the Brockton Union.

Rev. E. B. Maglathlin, the president, responded to the welcome given by Mrs. Holmes and opened the business meeting, the secretary's report being first read and approved. A short account of the meetings of the year were then given. The treasurer reported thirty-five dollars in the treasury, and this report was accepted.

The roll call showed members present from Brockton, Bridgewater, North Easton, West Bridgewater and East Bridgewater. Mr. Harold S. Lyon spoke of the work of the Union-at-Large, and Mr. Harry Williams of the work young people should do in the church service.

The Nominating Committee brought in the following names and these were chosen as officers for the ensuing year: President, Rev. E. B. Maglathlin of West Bridgewater; Vice-President, Miss Ruth Ebbs of North Easton; Secretary, Mrs. Hattie E. Cary of West Bridgewater; Treasurer, Mr. Harold King of Bridgewater.

It was voted to have a speaker at every meeting in the future; to have the Nominating Committee bring in three names for each office; to have a Rally Meeting in January; to request each union to contribute to the federation during the year such a sum as it sees fit—the proceeds of at least one evening's entertainment, and to make Miss Maude E. Magoun a Life Member of the Young People's Religious Union.

The business session then adjourned, followed by a social hour, during which the Brockton Guild served refreshments.

HELEN I. KEITH, *Secretary.*

The Forward Look

Fellow Members of the Boston Federation:

I am sensible of the honor conferred upon me by being asked to participate in our Tenth Anniversary. I fully realize the length and attractiveness of the program, and I therefore shall be brief. I congratulate you on your decennial, but no celebration, no anniversary, no commemorative exercise would be complete, however much the past was extolled, unless it likewise looked for a moment into the future. Only can the past be made to show its worth and its value by the achievements of the future.

For this reason I am glad that it is my opportunity to emphasize for a moment the importance of the Forward Look.

What an inspiring word is "Forward"! It denotes courage, energy, determination, youth, ambition and progress, all of which we stand for. And we Unitarian Young People call not for a blind groping advance, but a movement onward with our eyes wide open to all our difficulties, appreciative of the truth, with resolute hearts and firm courage, we believe we can *look* forward with hope, with confidence, with a realization of our ability to cope with life's pressing problems.

And let us not for a moment depreciate the seriousness of our responsibility. We are being thrown without our realizing it into the midst of a tremendous conflict. The industrial, economic and social problem of unrest must find its solution in our endeavors. The educated young people of today, the citizens of tomorrow, hold the destiny of America in their hands. Shall it be selfishness, anarchy and revolution, or shall it be service, democracy and law and order?

The spirit of distrust is becoming more and more manifest in the world to-day. The people distrust their representatives, hence we have the initiative and the referendum; litigants the judges, hence we have the recall of judges and of judicial decisions; men not only distrust each other and set the police to watch over each other but now we can not even trust the police; and we are fast coming to a condition where wives cannot trust their husbands to vote for them, and we demand woman's suffrage.

Every tendency of the present day seems to be in the direction of the imposition of additional restraints on the action of individuals. Does not the spirit of true democracy and real progress lie more in the direction of the establishment of individual independence, of character through service, and the giving to the world by our actions an example of a worthy life?

What a commentary on our present-day conditions in this attitude of distrust!

But the reason is not far to seek.

It lies, to my mind, in the desertion by the people of our day of those things which are spiritual for those which are temporal. The young people today as a rule are apt to care more for dances, theatres and entertaining fiction than to devote themselves to some earnest effort for social betterment.

Selfishness, vanity and love of pleasure must not in our forward look displace generosity, friendship, patience, tolerance, perseverance, kindness, service.

One of the most encouraging aspects of our work is our Friendly Service Committee. May the spirit which prompts this work permeate our souls, may the energy which carries it on not flag or grow weary, but gather in strength and power, until all our young people feel its impetus and its inspiration!

I look to see a large increase in our membership in the years to come, but only unfailing devotion, persistence and hard work can bring this about. Remember no good thing can be a failure and no evil thing success, and let us push on forward, faces to the front and faltering not. The words sacrifice and co-operation are essential to success.

Remember again that our membership is a changing one, which calls for a more intense interest and devotion and a constant recruiting of new members.

As I sat thinking last night of what I should say this evening, and hav-

ing in mind this lack of permanency in our membership, it came over me how much our young people's movement was like a mighty river.

Supplied at its source by the pure springs of childhood and the deep wells of childhood's truth and innocence, it starts on its perilous journey to the sea. Swift runs this river at times and apparently without course or direction; and while it cannot be stopped or even impeded without causing irreparable damage, yet it must be controlled and guided and restrained, and, yes, even harnessed to do the work of the world. Although much of the time this mighty stream runs in pleasant places, past the green fields and purple mountains, under arching trees and by the happy homes of men, women and children, yet it must also bear on its tide the sorrow and tragedy of life; it must course through cities of smoke and dirt where men toil and women starve and children cry aloud in their misery; it must encounter poverty and crime and degradation; and it must bring to these its help and its comfort. It must turn the wheels of industry; it must make fertile the gardens wherein are sown the deeds of truth and righteousness; it must wash the hands of the sinful and the tears from the faces of the sorrowful, and it must ever be reinforced by clean water from its source. It passes a given point but once, but yet behind it come the waters of childhood, youth and young manhood and womanhood eternal, unceasing, infinite.

For men may come and men may go,
But we go on forever.

My forward look is that the Boston Federation may do its full share to see that this great river is ever full to its banks, that it be kept within its proper limits, that it be always prepared to do its great work in the world. Grant that these waters may be borne from that pure source safely, swiftly, surely, until in the fullness of time they reach out into life's unresting sea, unpolluted, undiminished and unconfined.

And how better could we close than with the words of America's greatest patriot, the martyred President, who had the spirit of youth always in his heart — "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in"?

5 TOURS TO EUROPE

in connection with the

World-Congress of Free Christianity and Religious Progress at Paris, July 16-22, 1913

Steamship **Teutonic**, from Montreal, June 28, 1913

Tour One. England, Scotland, France, Belgium.

June 28 by the "Teutonic," 10,000 tons, only Seven Days (but four days on the open ocean) from Montreal to Liverpool. Thence to English Lake District, Robert Burns's country, Glasgow, the Trossachs, Lochs Katrine and Lomond, Edinburgh, Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon, London, Dover-Calais to Paris (one week's stay,) Brussels, Antwerp. Sail by Red Star Steamer for Boston, arriving August 5. (This tour can be extended, at option, by any member of the party).

These tours include fares on steamships and railroads, accommodations at first-class hotels, free transfers of passengers and their luggage, liberal amount of carriage drives and local excursions, all necessary fees to servants, porters, etc., and the services of competent conductors from Liverpool on until arrival at the steamship dock in Antwerp. Also a full membership in the Congress, a copy of the printed report of its proceedings, and participation in its banquet and various congress excursions and courtesies.

Cost, 39 days' tour $275

34 days' tour per "Arabic" . . . $265

Tour Two. England, Scotland, France, Switzerland, Holland, the Rhine, Belgium.

By the "Teutonic" from Montreal June 28, or the "Arabic" from Boston, July 1, 1913. Route as per Tour One to Paris. Thence to Geneva, Chillon, Interlaken, Lauterbrunnen, Wengern Alp, Grindelwald, Brienz, Brünig Pass, Lucerne, Rhigi, Bâle, Heidelberg, Mayence, the Rhine to Cologne, Amsterdam, Isle of Marken, Hague, Scheveningen, Brussels, Antwerp. Red Star steamship, arriving in Boston August 17.

Cost, 51 days, all included $400

Tour Three. England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Holland, the Rhine, Switzerland, Italy.

By the "Teutonic" from Montreal, June 28, or the "Arabic" from Boston, July 1, 1913. Route as per Tour One to Paris. Thence to Brussels, Antwerp,

Steamship **Arabic**, from Boston, July 1, 1913

The Hague, Amsterdam, Scheveningen, Isle of Marken, Cologne, the Rhine to Mayence, Heidelberg, Basle, Berne, Interlaken, Lauterbrunnen, and Grindelwald, Meiringen, Brunig Pass, Lucerne, Rhigi, via St. Gotthard Tunnel to Lugano, Bellagio, Como, Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples, Pompeii, White Star steamship ($90 berth included) to Boston, via the Azores, arriving in Boston September 1.

Cost, 65 days, all included $540

Tour Four. England, Scotland, Paris, Brittany and the French Château District.

By the "Teutonic" from Montreal, June 28, or the "Arabic" from Boston, July 1, 1913. Route same as Tour One to Paris. From Paris to Rouen, Normandy. Thence tour in Brittany, Caen, Avranches, Pontorson, Monte-St.-Michel, Brest, Quimper, Auray, (Carnac), Nantes, Angers, Tours, and the Château country of France; motor excursion to Chenonceaux, Chambord, Blois, etc.; Orleans, Paris, Brussels, Antwerp. Red Star liner for Boston, arriving August 17.

Cost, 51 days, all included $400

Tour Five. Brittany, Touraine, Pyrenees, Spain.

By the "Teutonic" from Montreal, June 28, or the "Arabic" from Boston, July 1, 1913. Route same as Tour Four to Blois (August 4). Thence to Bordeaux, Pau in the Pyrenees, Lourdes, Biarritz, Burgos, Madrid, Escorial, Toledo, Cordova, Seville, Granada, Alhambra, Gibraltar, sailing by Cunard or North German Lloyd steamer ($90 passage included), arriving in New York August 30.

Cost, 63 days, all included $580

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